

Governor's Mansion
Jackson, Miss.

H.A.B.S. # Miss.67

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

ADDITIONAL
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey
Preston Waldrop, Assistant District Officer,
922 Standard Life Bldg.,
Jackson, Miss.

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GOVERNOR'S MANSION
Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi

Owner (Or Custodian)

State of Mississippi

Date of Erection

1842-1844

Architect~~Mr. Lawrence~~ *Wm. Nichols*BuilderPresent Condition

Good

Number of Stories

Two

Materials of Construction

<u>Foundation</u>	Brick
<u>Floors</u>	Wood
<u>Exterior Walls</u>	Brick
<u>Interior Walls</u>	Plaster
<u>Roof</u>	Tar Paper

Other Existing RecordsAdditional Data

Addendum to
Governor's Mansion
316 East Capitol St.
Jackson
Hinds County
Mississippi

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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL DATA

REDUCED COPIES OF MEASURED DRAWINGS

STATE Mississippi	COUNTY Hinds	TOWN OR VICINITY Jackson
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Governor's Mansion		HABS NO. MS-67
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 316 East Capitol Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1839-41	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William Nichols	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Governor's Mansion is the finest example of the work of William Nichols in the domestic Greek Revival style. One of only four continuously used governor's mansions in the U.S. that dates before the Civil War, this is by far the most architecturally distinguished.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Main block measures 71' x 53', two stories. See attached sketch plan showing 1972 rear addition.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Semicircular portico supported by four giant Corinthian columns. Each bay articulated by scroll-capped pilasters.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) First-floor doorways are patterned after plates 19 and 25 of Minard Lafever's <u>Beauties of Modern Architecture</u> , 1835 edition. The original wooden mantel in the second-floor west front chamber is also inspired by a Lafever plate (plate 46).		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1858- changes of cornices and medallions when gas added, new marble mantels on lower floor. 1908-09- major rear addition, original stair removed, crumbling face brick of exterior replaced with yellow pressed brick, painted white in 1940s.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE 1972-75- rear addition replaced with larger steel frame structure; continues to serve as stairway rebuilt; altered cornices, medallions and mantels replaced; new heating and air-conditioning systems; new governor's mansion electricity.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Declared a National Historic Landmark.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. "Governor's Mansion." National Register Nomination, March 20, 1975. Schwartz, Nancy B. Notes for presentation on NHL designation to History Committee and Secretary of Interior's Advisory Board. Included here as field records.		
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